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Remarks:

The amendments and remarks presented herein are believed to be fully responsive to the Office Action dated April 28, 2009.

Claims 2-17 and 20-24 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 18, 19 and 25-74 have been canceled herein without prejudice and claims 2, 4, 9, 10, 12-14 and 20-24 have been amended as set forth above. The specification has been amended to update several incorporated patent applications that have now issued as patents and to correct a typographical error found in the specification. The amendments are fully supported in the specification and drawings as originally filed. No new matter has been added. Claim 25-74 were drawn to non-elected inventions and have been canceled herein without prejudice so that they may be pursued in a divisional application in the future.

ALLOWABLE CLAIMS

Claims 4-7, 9-12, 21 and 23 were indicated as being directed toward allowable subject matter and as being allowable if rewritten in independent form. Applicants have amended claims 4, 9, 10, 12, 21 and 23 to be in independent form, such that claims 4-7, 9-12, 21 and 23 are now in condition for allowance.

CLAIM REJECTIONS

Claims 1-3, 8, 13-20, 22 and 24 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Skiver et al, U.S. Patent Publication No. US2002/0080021.

Applicants respectfully traverse the rejections under §102(e). However, in order to expedite prosecution and allowance of the claims, and without acquiescing in the rejection in any

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way, Applicants have canceled claims 1, 18 and 19 without prejudice, so that the subject matter of these claims may be pursued in a continuation application in the future. Applicants have also amended claims 2, 13, 14, 20, 22 and 24 to be dependent on the allowable and now independent claims 12, 21 and 23, such that claims 2-17 and 20-24 are now in condition for allowance.

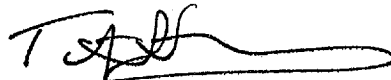
Claims 2-17 and 20-24 remain pending in the application. Applicants respectfully submit that claims 2-17 and 20-24 are in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is earnestly and respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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